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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

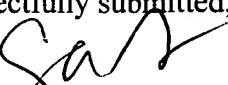
This is in response to the Office Action containing Restriction Requirement mailed June 6, 2003, for which a response was due on July 6, 2003. A request for one month extension is also enclosed, together with the appropriate fee, extending the date for response from July 6, 2003 to August 6, 2003.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003 (Paper No. 9), Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 43, 44, 45), without traverse.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this request and the Patent Office determines that a fee is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952**, referencing docket no. 300622004910. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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